



## Gustavo Dudamel, Los Angeles Philharmonic to perform in Kansas City March 14

*Tickets go on sale to the public Dec. 16*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** | Dec. 13, 2013 — The Kansas City Symphony today announced tickets will go on sale to the public Monday, Dec. 16 for a special, one-night performance of the prestigious Los Angeles Philharmonic led by their world-renowned music director Gustavo Dudamel. The guest orchestra makes their Kansas City debut at 8 p.m., March 14, 2014, in Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, presented by the Kansas City Symphony.

The performance includes:

**DANIÉL BJARNASON** *New work* — L.A. Phil commission

**RACHMANINOFF** Piano Concerto No. 3 with Yuja Wang

**BRAHMS** Symphony No. 2

Gustavo Dudamel, one of the most popular and recognizable names in classical music, has been the Los Angeles Philharmonic's full-time music director since 2009 and his current contract extends to the 2018-19 season. With his charismatic and energetic conducting style, he is frequently referred to as just "The Dude" and has been called "a phenomenon" by major media. One of the most decorated conductors of his generation, some of Dudamel's top awards include Musical America's 2013 Musician of the Year, 2013 Gramophone Hall of Fame, 2011 Gramophone Artist of the Year, 2010 Eugene McDermott Award in the Arts at MIT, one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people and the 2008 "Q Prize" from Harvard, along with several honorary doctorates.

The Kansas City concert is the ensemble's second stop on a seven-city spring tour. Dudamel and the L.A. Phil have cited particular interest to play in Kauffman Center's Helzberg Hall because its interior is very similar to their home hall, the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles. Both were designed by acclaimed acoustician, Yasuhisa Toyota. This fall L.A. Phil celebrated its 10th anniversary in their hall. Helzberg Hall opened its doors in 2011.

"We are thrilled to bring Maestro Dudamel and the Los Angeles Philharmonic to perform in Helzberg Hall," said Symphony Executive Director Frank Byrne. "We have a long and warm relationship with the L.A. Phil and they were incredibly gracious and generous in sharing their knowledge gained when opening the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Their real-world experience was invaluable to us as we prepared to move into the Kauffman Center. I have great admiration for their President Deborah Borda and for their remarkable Music Director, Gustavo Dudamel. Maestro Dudamel is a phenomenal musician whose passion and enthusiasm create remarkable performances. I cannot wait for them to hear the excellence of Helzberg Hall."

Tickets for the March 14 Los Angeles Philharmonic concert start at \$75 per person. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400 or visit [www.kcsymphony.org](http://www.kcsymphony.org). The Symphony offers a range of ticket prices and packages.